

Selected Antislavery Statements by Chautauqua County Baptists and some of their Neighboring Baptists: Excerpts from Annual Meetings 1838 through 1862.

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1842: At the Fourth Session of the Harmony Baptist Association held in the Baptist Meeting House of the Clymer Church, August 30th, 31st, and September 1st, **1842**, according to the minutes printed by A. **Fletcher**, Jamestown, 1842, the Baptists made the following statement: **“Resolved, That we look upon Slavery as it exists at the South as a great moral evil, and do most affectionately beseech our brethren, to put away this sin for their own good and the good of the oppressed.”**

In attendance were: Orrin **Dodge** (Moderator), A. **Chapin** and E. R. **Swain** (Clerks), J. B. **Burrows** (Treasurer), guests James **Going**, Whitman **Metcalf**, Zenas **Freeman**, and Oliver **Alford**, other clerks A. A. **Atherly** (*Ashville, Harmony*), Emry **Davis** (*Busti*), David **Boyd** (*Carroll, 1st Carroll*), Lyman **Howard** (*Frewsburg, 2nd Carroll*), D. P. **Phinney** (*Clymer*), H. H. **Lebaren** (*Dewittville*), W. A. **Street** (*French Creek*), Samuel **Fisher** (*Greenfield*), Jesse P. **Backus** (*Wesleyville, Harbor Creek*), Noble **Gates** (*Panama, Harmony*), Wm. **Breed** (*Jamestown*), Silas **Estee** (*Lottsville, PA*), Jesse **Brooks** (*Mayville*), George **Collier** (*Mina*), Ira B. **Lott** (*North East & Ripley*), David **Jackson** (*Magnolia, North Harmony*), George **Ewers** (*Russelburgh, Oak Hill, Pine Grove*), H. **Mason** (*Ripley*), D. O. **Montague** (*Mina, Sherman*), Norman **Snyder** (*Warren*), J. P. **Grant** (*Wayneville*), and Titus **Roe** (*Centreville, West Portland*).

Also in attendance were the following delegates:

Ashville: W. R. **Brooks** [ordained], H. H. **Phelps** [licentiate] Dea. N. **Kessler**, Dea. J. J. **Atherly**, J. **Ticknor**, Wm. **Nichols**, A. **Southwick**.

Busti: E. R. **Swain** [ordained], Dea. J. **Bullock**, F. **Sowl**, J. **Frank**, S. **Frank**, Spencer **Abbott**, H. **Miller**.

1st Carroll: M. **Colby** [ordained], D. **Boyd**, M. **Boyd**, Luther **Howard**.

2nd Carroll: M. **Colby** [ordained], P. **Annis**, E. **Howard**.

Clymer: L. **Rathbun** [ordained], T. **Ravlin** [ordained], H. **Connelly** [licentiate], Dea. D. P. **Phinney**.

Dewittville: E. **Richmond** [ordained], Dea. J. **Putnam**, J. W. **Hines**.

French Creek: Dea. J. **Ravlin**, G. F. **Herrick**, P. S. **Hawley**, W. A. **Street**.

Greenfield: J. S. **Leonard** [ordained], N. **Darrow**, C. **Craft**.

Harbor Creek: A. **Williams** [ordained], Dea. S. **Alden**, H. **Luther**, W. **Avery**, S. **West**.

Harmony: C. **Sanderson** [ordained], S. **Powers** [ordained], J. **Arnold** [licentiate], Dea. S. **Brayton**.

Jamestown: A. **Chapin** [ordained], I. C. **Stoddard** [ordained], Z. M. **Palmer** [ordained], I. **Stoddard** [licentiate], Dea. J. C. **Breed**, Dea. A. **Partridge**, Dea. N. H. **Stow**, Wm. **Breed**, S. **Hall**, S. **Shearman**, R. **Warner**, E. **Edgerton**, J. **Marsh**.

Lottsville: E. **Gill** [ordained], J. **Estee**.

Mayville: O. **Dodge** [ordained], Dea. H. **Walker**, J. **Brooks**, J. **Chamberlain**, J. B. **Burrows**, O. H. **Gibbs**, Wm. **Bloomer**, G. **Shaver**.

Mina: D. **Waldo, Jr.**, G. **Collier**.

North East & Ripley: Dea. T. **Histed**, A. **Bush**, D. **Sailes**, H. **Guile**.

North East Borough: E. M. **Alden** [ordained], O. **Spencer** [ordained and not present], Dea. E. B. **Paine**, M. **Jones**, Wm. H. **Johnson**.

North Harmony: P. **Cross** [ordained], Wm. **Butts** [ordained and not present], Dea. Wm. **Acocks**, C. C. **Hurlburt**.

Oak Hill: Dissolved.

Pine Grove: S. **Alvord**.

Ripley: G. W. **Davis** [licentiate] G. **Sawin** [ordained and not here], G. H. **Wattles**, J. **Selden**, A. **Mason**, G. P. **Wattles**, E. C. **Wattles**, M. **White**.

Sherman: E. B. **Sparks** [ordained], Dea. J. **Hill**, B. **Boorman**, D. O. **Montague**, K. **Dean**, G. **Vanness**, B. **Selden**.

Warren: E. **Gill** [ordained], J. B. **Staunton**.

Waynesville: A. **Williams** [ordained], Dea. J. **Harris**, S. **Dunham**, R. **Beaver**, H. **Butler**, D. **Dunham**, A. S. **Harrington**.

Westfield (no information)

West Portland: J. **Wilson** [ordained], F. **Herrick**, C. B. **Andrews**, L. **Taylor**.

Also in attendance were the following guests:

Chautauque: J. L. **Richmond**, J. **Johnson**, H. **Smith**, A. **Fink**, J. **Waugh**, S. S. **Walker**, E. **Draper**.

French Creek: Roswell **Cheeny**, Wm. **Look**, Thos. R. **Clark**, F. **Kidder**, Dea. J. **Chamberlain**.

Cattaraugus: E. C. **Rogers**.

Buffalo, Madison, Niagara: W. **Metcalf**

Ontario: Z. **Freeman**

1847: At the Ninth Annual Session of the Harmony Baptist Association, held with the Harmony Baptist Church in Panama, Chautauque, N.Y., August 24th, 25th, and 26th, 1847, Mayville, N.Y., according to the minutes printed by John F. **Phelps**. 1847, the Baptists made the following statement: “**Resolved, That we bear unequivocal and decided testimony against the use of Alcoholic drinks -- American Slavery – and Secret, Oath bound Societies of all names; and recommend that the Churches keep themselves clear in these matters.**” Additionally, the Westfield delegation wrote that “**they hate Slavery and all other institutions of the Devil.**”

In attendance were moderator Orrin **Dodge** (*Mayville*), treasurer Jabez B. **Burrows** (*Mayville*), corresponding Secretary: Spencer S. **Ainsworth** (*Panama*), guest C. B. **Keyes** (*Philadelphia*), guest Bro. A. **Handy** (*Home Mission Society*), guest J. J. **Fuller** (*Chaut. Home Miss.Soc.*), and guest Bro M. A. **Richards** (*Rock River, IL*).

Also in attendance were the following church clerks: A. A. **Atherly** (*Harmony*), Emry **Davis** (*Busti*), H. S. **Boyd** (*Carroll*), W. R. **Connelly** (*Clymer*), H. H. **LeBaren** (*Dewittville*), W. A. **Street** (*French Creek*), E. **Howard** (*Frewsburg*), J. **Crain** (*Harbor Creek, PA*), A. **Blackmer** (*Harmony, Panama*), E. **Mitchell** (*Jamestown*), No information (*Lottsville, PA*), J. **Brooks** (*Mayville*), J. B. **Lott** (*North East, PA*), D. **Jackson** (*North Harmony, Magnolia*), E. A. **Sawin** (*Ripley*), K. **Dean** (*Sherman*), E. **Winchester** (*Warren, PA*), A. **Estee** (*Wayneville, Wayne, Erie co., PA*) D. **Hall** (*Westfield*), G. **Spencer** (*West Portland*).

Also in attendance were the following delegates:

Ashville: Levant **Rathbun** [ordained], H. H. **Phelps** [licentiate], Dea. J. J. **Atherly**, Bro. T. **Jenner**, Bro. W. **Nichols**.

Busti: F. **Kidder** [ordained], I. C. **Stoddard** [ordained], Benj. **Oviatt** [ordained and not present], Ira Joy **Stoddard** [licentiate], Dea. J. **Bullock**, Dea. H. **Abbott**, Bro. Asa **Phillips**, Bro. E. **Davis**, Bro. J. **Frank**, Bro. W. **Frank**, Bro. S. **Abbott**, Bro. Andrew **Phillips**, Bro. C. F. **Temple**, Bro. A. A. **Stoddard**.

Carroll: [No pastor], Bro. J. **Boyd**, Bro. M. **Boyd**, Bro. O. **Weatherby**, Bro. W. **Lazelle**.

Clymer: N. **Thomas** [ordained], Dea. D. P. **Phinney**, Bro. H. **Case**, Bro. S. **Terry**, Bro. E. **Underwood**.

Dewittville: E. B. **Sparks** [ordained], O. **Putnam**, Dea. J. **Putnam**, Dea. N. **Kesler**.

French Creek: P. S. **Hawley** [ordained], Br. A. **Goodrich**.

Frewsburg: A. **Frink** [ordained], Dea. P. **Annis**, Bro. J. **Myers, Jr.**, Bro. G. W. **Fenton**, Bro. E. M. **Curtis**.

Harbor Creek: A. L. L. **Potter** [ordained], Dea. S. **Alden**, Dea. J. **Slade**, Br. S. **Stephens**.

Harmony: S. S. **Ainsworth** [ordained], C. **Sanderson** [ordained], Dea. H. **Blackmer**, Dea. N. **Chamberlain**, Brn. A. **Button**, Bro. H. H. **Glidden**, Bro. D. G. **Powers**, Bro. A. **Matteson**.

Jamestown: [No pastor], Z. M. **Palmer** [ordained], Dea. J. C. **Breed**, Bro. H. **Covey**, Bro. G. J. **Butler**, Bro., E. **Mitchell**, Bro., J. **Southland**, Bro. G. B. **Ford**.

Lottsville: (no information)

Mayville: O. **Dodge** [ordained], Dea. J. B. **Burrows**, Dea. H. L. **Walker**, Bro. R. **Jones**, Bro. N. **Van Ness**, Bro. A. **Russell**, Bro. O. H. **Gibbs**, Bro. R. **Windsor**, Bro. B. **Darrow**.

Mina: (no information)

North East, PA: A. L. L. **Potter** [ordained], Dea. E. **Mallory**, Dea. S. **Malick**, Bro. W. **Johnson**, Bro. H. **Dean**.

North Harmony: P. **Cross** [ordained], Dea. D. **Cowles**, Br. S. **Barney**.

Pine Grove, PA: (no information)

Ripley: M. **Roberts** [licentiate], Dea. J. A. **Newbury**, Bro. G. B. **Wattles**, Bro. E. A. **Sawin**.

Sherman: C. **Sanderson** [ordained], Bro. A. E. **Lyon**, Bro. K. **Dean**, Bro. J. **Chamberlain**.

Warren, PA: W. R. **Northrop** [ordained].

Wayneville: A. **Williams** [ordained], Bro. P. **Maynard**, Bro. C. **Hackett**, Bro. C. C. **Capron**.

Westfield: Bro. D. **Hall**, Bro. S. **Coddington**.

West Portland: C. **LaHatt** [ordained], Dea. L. **Bartholomew**, Br. G. **Spencer**.

Also in attendance were the following guests: A. C. **Barrell** (*Buffalo*), C. **Carlton** (*Buffalo*), W. **Walden** (*French Creek*), N. **Thomas** (*French Creek*), W. **Look** (Chautauque Home Mission Society), A. **Frink** (Chautauque H. M. S.), J. M. **Purinton** (Chautauque H. M. S.), A. **Handy** (Chautauque H. M. S.), J. J. **Fuller** (Chautauque H. M. S.), M. A. **Richardson** (Rock River Association, Illinois), W. **Walden** (Cassewago, PA).

1848 : At the First Anniversary of the Erie Baptist Association (in Cattaraugus & Chautauque Counties, N.Y.) held in the Baptist Meeting House, in the Village of Forestville, Chautauque County, N. Y., September 5, 6, 7, 1848, according to the minutes printed at the *Censor* office, Fredonia, N.Y., 1848, the Baptists made the following statement: “**On motion of Br. D. Morse, it was Resolved, That we deeply deplore the connexion of any portion of the Christian World, and**

especially the Baptist denomination, with the sin of Slavery; and we recommend to the Ministers and Churches composing this body, that by every instrumentality which the Gospel furnishes wherewith to combat sin, they labor for its extinction.”

In attendance were moderator Alfred **Handy** (*Randolph, N.Y.*), treasurer: N. **Mixer** (*Forestville, N.Y.*), corresponding Secretary: B. C. **Willoughby** (*Cherry Creek, N.Y.*), clerk: S. **Barrett** (*Forestville*), special committee members Br. J. **Chandler**, Samuel **Price**, N. **Mixer**, D. **Morse** and J. J. **Fuller**, members of the committee of arrangements Brn. B. C. **Willoughby**, J. B. **McClanathan**, A. **Frink**, I. J. **Kennan**, and M. T. **Wadsworth**, and guests Br. **Danforth** (*Evans, Erie County*), Br. S. **Ainsworth** (*Panama*), S. **Ackerly** (*Genesee River Association*), Charles **LaHatt** (*Harmony Association*), F. **Kidder** (*Busti*), Spencer **Ainsworth** (*Harmony*), C. M. **Richmond** (from *Indiana*), A. P. **Mather**.

Also in attendance were the following church clerks: A. B. Fisher (*Casadaga*), Furman **Mount** (*Cherry Creek*), J. C. **Cady** (*Clear Creek*), S. M. **Shaw** (*Dayton*), C. G. **Maples** (*Ellery*), Dr. S. **Barrett** (*Forestville*), N. **Hopper** (*1st Hanover*), C. R. **Leland** (*3rd Hanover*), H. H. **Horner** (*Leon*), Jo. **Brininstool** (*Poland*), E. M. **Pettit** (*1st Perrysburgh*), James R. **Thomas** (*Randolph*), R. D. **Shearman** (*Sinclearville*), and A. P. **Leach** (*2d. Stockton*).

Also in attendance were the following delegates:

Casadaga: M. T. **Wadsworth** [ordained], A. **Lyon**, N. **Munger**, A. B. **Fisher**

Cherry Creek: B. C. **Willoughby** [ordained], Dea. C. **Strang**, Fitch **Hyatt**, Jairus **Nash**, Furman **Mount**, Alford **Wilcox**

Clear Creek: A. **Frink** [ordained], Dea. S. B. **Stone**, J. C. **Cady**, John **Cox**, John **Green**, R. B. **Clark**.

Dayton: J. J. **Trumbull** [ordained], S. M. **Shaw**, Ebenezer **Roberts**, H. **Merrill**, H. **Fuller**.

Ellery: J. J. **Fuller**, Dea. C. **Parker**, J. R. **Brownell**, Harvey **Hale**, Abel **Lewis**, Wm. H. **Atherly**.

Forestville: [No pastor], Dea. J. B. **Stutson**, Dea. W. **Downer**, Dea. C. **Glass**, S. **Barrett**, N. **Mixer**, J. B. **McClanathan**, Thomas **Frink**, S. **Convis**, J. **Dennison**, Wm. **Cranston**, Wm. **Everett**.

1st Hanover: W. B. **Williams** [ordained], Alva **Davis**, Jesse **Livermore**, George **Love**, N. **Hopper**.

3d Hanover: [No pastor], Dea. D. **Gardner**, Dea. L. **Tower**, S. **Eaton**, S. **Record**, C. R. **Leland**.

Leon: A. **Frink** [ordained], Dea. Geo. **Shannon**, Sam'l. B. **Shannon**, Wm. **Saunders**, D. **Morse**.

Poland: Jos. **Brininstool**, Elijah **Divine**.

1st Perrysburgh: J. C. **Allison** [ordained], N. **Wood** [ordained].

Randolph: A. **Handy** [ordained], Harvey **Frink**, Samuel **Price**, James N. **Price**, L. J. **Kennan**.

Sinclearville: [No pastor], John **Chandler**, R. D. **Shearman**, John **McAllister**.

2d Stockton: S. P. **Way** [ordained], Dea. J. **Crissey**, H. **Crissey**.

1847-1848: At the Tenth Annual Session of the Harmony Baptist Association. Held with the Baptist Church in Frewsburg, Chautauque Co., N. Y., August 29th, 30th, and 31st, 1848, according to the minutes printed by F. W. **Palmer** & Co., Jamestown, the Baptists made the following statement: “**Resolved, that we bear unequivocal and decided testimony against the use of alcoholic drinks and against American slavery.**” Also printed were specific anti-slavery

statements made by individual churches in Busti, Jamestown, and North Harmony, after which the secretary wrote, “**Many of the Churches ... besides those noticed above express their abhorrence of secret societies, of slavery, and of all popular sins, but the detail is omitted, to prevent repetition.**”

In attendance were moderator Franklin **Kidder** (*Busti*), treasurer Jabez B. **Burrows** (*Mayville*), corresponding secretary Spencer S. **Ainsworth** (*Panama*), clergyman Rev. B. C. **Willoughby**, and guests D. **Searl** (*Buffalo*), G. **Dodge** (*French Creek*), L. S. **Stowell** (*Madison*), J. J. **Fuller** (*Conewango*), A. **Frink** (probably *Hanover*).

Church clerks in attendance were: A. A. **Atherly** (*Ashville, Harmony*), E. **Davis** (*Busti*), H. S. **Boyd** (*Carroll*), Wm. R. **Connelly** (*Clymer*), H. H. **LeBaren** (*Dewittville*), E. **Howard** (*Frewsburg*), S. C. **Stevens** (*Harbor Creek, Wesleyville, PA*), A. **Blackmer** (*Harmony, Panama*), E. **Mitchell** (*Jamestown*), J. **Brooks** (*Mayville*), Ira B. **Lott** (*North East, PA*), D. **Jackson** (*North Harmony, Magnolia*), George **Ewers** (*Pine Grove, PA*), E. A. **Sawin** (*Ripley Centre*), Kiler **Dean** (*Sherman*), E. **Winchester** (*Warren, PA*), C. **Hackett** (*Waynesville, PA*) G. **Spencer** (*West Portland, Portland*).

Delegates in attendance were:

Ashville, Harmony: G. W. **Sisson** [ordained], H. H. **Phelps** [licentiate], Alex. A. **Mead** [licentiate], Dea. J. J. **Atherly**, Edsen **Hurlbut**, Orange **Phelps**.

Busti: Franklin **Kidder** [ordained], I. C. **Stoddard** [ordained], I. J. **Stoddard** [ordained], W. R. **Northrop** [ordained], Benj. **Oviat** [ordained], Dea. J. **Bullock**, Dea. H. **Abbott**, J. **Frank**, A. **Philips**, T. **Tuttle**, S. **Abbott**.

Carroll: E. B. **Sparks** [ordained], Joel **Boyd**, H.S. **Boyd**.

Clymer: N. **Thomas** [ordained], H. H. **Connelly**, A. S. **Underwood**.

Dewittville: R. D. **Pierce** [ordained], O. **Putnam** [licentiate], Dea. J. **Putnam**, Dea. R. **Herrick**.

Frewsburg: E. B. **Sparks** [ordained], Dea. P. **Annis**, Dea. L. **Howard**, G. W. **Fenton**, J. **Miner**, Jr., E. **Howard**.

Harbor Creek, Wesleyville, PA: B. M. **Alden** [ordained].

Panama, Harmony: S. S. **Ainsworth** [ordained], Ambrose **Blackmer**, John F. **Smith**, Handy **Cramer**, Warren **Daniels**, R. E. **Winsor**.

Jamestown: Levant **Rathbun** [ordained], Z. M. **Palmer** [ordained], Dea. J. C. **Breed**, Chauncey **Ide**, L. **Wellington**, G. J. **Butler**, E. **Mitchell**.

Mayville: [No pastor], I. C. **Stoddard** [ordained], Dea. J. B. **Burrows**, N. **Van Ness**, R. **Jones**.

North East, PA: Zebina **Smith** [ordained and not present], A. **Partridge**.

North Harmony: Palmer **Cross** [ordained], Samuel **Barney**, E. **Berry**, M. **Butts**.

Pine Grove, PA: [No pastor], Calvin **Ellis** [licentiate], Dea. J. **Allen**.

Ripley Centre: Malcom **Roberts** [ordained], George **Sawin** [ordained and not present], Dea. J. A. **Newbury**.

Sherman: Chas. **Sanderson** [ordained], Dea. J. **Hill**, D. **Eastman**, J. **Brooman**.

Warren, PA: [No pastor], E. **Doty**.

Waynesville, PA: A. **Williams**, C. **Hackett**.

West Portland, Portland: Charles **La Hatt** [ordained and not present], J. **Brown**, E. **Monfort**.

1849: At the Second Session of the Erie Baptist Association held in the Baptist Meeting House in the Town of Stockton, Chautauque County, N.Y., September 4, 5, & 6, 1849, according to the minutes printed at the *Censor* office, Fredonia, N.Y., 1849, the Baptists made the following statement: “**Resolved, That we deeply deplore the connection of any portion of the christian world, and especially the Baptist denomination with the sin of Slavery, and we recommend to ministers and churches composing this body, that by every instrumentality which the gospel furnishes wherewith to combat sin, they labor for its extinction.... Let the tears, the groans and sufferings of the oppressed Africans speak....**”

Participating were association moderator B. C. **Willoughby** (*Cherry Creek*), association corresponding secretary J. C. **Allison** (*Versailles*), association treasurer A.Z. **Madison** (*Fredonia*), meeting clerk S. P. **Way**, meeting assistant clerk W. B. **Williams**, meeting treasurer N. **Mixer** (excused), and J. B. **McClanathan** (appointed but also excused). Guests in attendance were G. W. **Sisson** (*Harmony Association*), David **Searl** (*Buffalo Association*), S. S. **Ainsworth**, L.S. **Stowell**, L. **Rathbone**, M. **Roberts**, O. **Crittendon** (*French Creek, Pa. Association*), J. **Blake** (*Grand River, Ohio Association*).

Church clerks present were J. D. **Wheeler** (*Cherry Creek*), R. B. **Clark** (*Clear Creek*), H. M. **Shaw** (*Dayton*), W. H. **Atherly** (*Ellery*), N. **Hopper** (*1st Hanover*), J. B. **McClanathan** (*Forestville*), C. R. **Leland** (*2d Hanover*), H. H. **Holmes** (*Leon*), R. D. **Shannon** (*Sinclearville*), J. **Brininstool** (*Poland*), A. P. **Leach** (*Stockton*), J. H. **Thomas** (*Randolph*), E. M. **Pettit** (*1st Perrysburg*), A. Z. **Madison** (*1st Pomfret*), J. A. **Jones** (*Sheridan*), and A. **Gardner** (*Laona*).

Also in attendance were delegates:

Casadaga: M. T. **Wadsworth** [ordained], A. **Lyon**, B. **Merill**.

Cherry Creek: B. C. **Willoughby** [ordained], A. **Wilcox**, Dea. **Strang**, Fitch **Hyatt**, J. D. **Wheeler**, J. **Essex**, A. F. **Willoughby**.

Clear Creek: Harvey **Frink** [ordained].

Dayton: J. **Trumbull** [ordained], H. **Fuller**, J. M. **Shaw**.

Ellery: J. J. **Fuller** [ordained], R. D. **Pierce**, S. **Higby**, Dea. C. **Parker**, Dea. J. R. **Brownell**, A. **Lewis**, M. **Wood**.

1st Hanover: W. B. **Williams** [ordained], J. **Bennett**, S. N. **Slawson**.

Forestville: N. **Wood** [ordained], Dea. U. **Downer**, Dea. J. B. **Stutson**, N. **Mixer**, J. B. **McClanathan**, Wm. **Cranston**.

2d Hanover: W. B. **Williams** [ordained], David **Woodbury**, Dea. A. **Tower**, S. **Eaton**, A. **Watrous**, S. **Record**.

Leon: A. **Frink** [ordained], J. B. **Shannon**, Wm. **Saunders**.

Sinclearville: J. **Leach** [ordained], Dea. J. **Summer**, E. **Chapman**, H. **Arnold**, O. **Harris**, J. **Manning**.

Poland: David **Morse** [ordained], Dea. J. **Miller**, R. **Bullock**.

Stockton: S. P. **Way** [ordained], H. **Crissey**, C. **Thompson**, J. **Crissey**, A. **Crain**, B. **Miller**, C. **Cady**.

Randolph: J. **Howard** [ordained], Dea. O. **Hitchcock**, E. **Draper**, J. C. **Cady**.

1st Perrysburgh: J. C. **Allison** [ordained], H. **Herrick** [licentiate], N. B. **Hills**.

1st Pomfret: S. T. **Griswold** [ordained], Dea. J. **Hamilton**, Dea. J. R. **Parker**, Chas. **Batcheller**, A. Z. **Madison**.

Sheridan: A. **Handy** [ordained], J. **Fuller**, A. **Giles**, J. **Scott**, J. A. **Jones**.
Laona: J. **Messenger** [ordained], Wm. **Higgins**.

1850: At the Third Session of the Erie Baptist Association, held in the Baptist Meeting House in the Town of Cherry Creek, Chautauque County, N.Y., September 3, 4, & 5, 1850, according to the minutes printed at the *Censor* Office, Fredonia, N.Y., 1850, the Baptists made the following statement: “**Resolved, That we deeply deplore the connection of any portion of the christian world, and especially the Baptist denomination, with the sin of Slavery; and we recommend to ministers and churches composing this body, that by every instrumentality which the gospel furnishes wherewith to combat sin, they labor for its extinction.**”

Present were moderator Rev. Nathan **Wood** (*Forestville*), clerk: Rev. J. J. **Fuller** (*Sheridan*), assistant clerk J. **Howard**, corresponding secretary Rev. J. C. **Allison** (*Versailles*), and treasurer A. Z. **Madison** (*Fredonia*)

Also present were church clerks J. D. **Wheeler** (*Cherry Creek*), R. B. **Clark** (*Clear Creek*), T. M. **Shaw** (*Dayton*), W. H. **Atherly** (*Ellery*), J. B. **McClanathan** (*Forestville*), N. **Hopper** (*1st Hanover, Nashville*), H. H. **Holmes** (*Leon*), A. W. **Wilks** (*Napoli*), E. M. **Pettit** (*1st Perrysburgh*), J. **Brinninstool** (*Poland*), A. Z. **Madison** (*1st Pomfret, Fredonia*), J. C. **Cody** (*Randolph*), J. A. **Jones** (*Sheridan*), R. D. **Sherman** (*Sinclearville*), A. P. **Leach** (*Stockton*), O. **Fish** (*So. E. Stockton.*)

Delegates present were:

Cherry Creek: B. C. **Willoughby** [ordained], A. I. **Wilcox** [licentiate], Dea. I. **Nash**, Dea. Clement **Strang**, Dea. Fitch **Hyatt**, A. **Fairchild**, A. J. **Arnold**, S. S. **Benedict**, W. S. **Bullock**, C. **Hildun**, D. **Stone**, I. B. **Tanner**, J. B. **Babcock**, A. **Ells**, L. L. **Swetland**, S. W. **Hyatt**.
Clear Creek: V. **Bemus** [ordained and not present], Dea. S. B. **Stone**, R. B. **Clark**, E. **Bagg**, W. **Ware**.
Dayton: H. **Fuller**, A. **Allen**, O. **Wait**, T. M. **Shaw**.
Ellery: H. H. **Phelps** [licentiate], Dea. C. **Parker**, Dea. J. R. **Brownell**.
Forestville: Nathan **Wood** [ordained], Dea. J. B. **Stutson**, Dea. U. **Downer**, Dea. C. **Glass**, Dea. E. **Davis**, A. **Cody**, W. **Cranston**.
1st Hanover: J. C. **Allison** [ordained], Dea. N. **Hopper**, R. **Gage**, S. N. **Slawson**, J. **Livermore**, N. **Wheaton**.
Leon: A. J. **Wilcox** [licentiate], G. **Shannon**, H. H. **Holmes**, S. B. **Shannon**.
Napoli: B. **Braman** [ordained], J. **Glazier** [ordained], W. **Fisher** [ordained and not present], Dea. A. **Cady**.
1st Perrysburgh: J. C. **Allison** [ordained], H. **Herrick** [licentiate], J. **Rosenburg**.
Poland: D. **Morse** [ordained], Dea. J. **Cady**, J. **Brininstool**, A. **Randall**, S. **Ackerly**, H. **Morse**, G. H. **Chandler**.
1st Pomfret: [No pastor], S. T. **Griswold** [ordained], Dea. J. R. **Parker**, C. C. **Woodruff**, A. Z. **Madison**, A.C. **Guild**, T. B. **Sweet**.
Randolph: J. **Howard** [ordained], Dea. D. **Bowen**, Dea. O. **Hitchcock**, J. C. **Cody**, S. **Price**, J. W. **Price**, E. **Draper**, L. **Wright**.
Sheridan: J. J. **Fuller** [ordained], Dea. J. A. **Jones**, Dea. I. **Fuller**, A. S. **Giles**.

Sinclairville: J. **Leach** [ordained], J. **McCallister**, A. **Arnold**, E. A. **Merryfield**.
Stockton: A. **Irons** [ordained], J. **Crissey**, S. **Crissey**, Wm. O. **Miller**.
So. E. Stockton: A. H. **Waterman** [ordained], U. **Putnam**, O. **Fish**, S. C. **Belden**.

1851: At the Twenty-Eighth Annual Session of the French Creek Baptist Association held with the Baptist Church, at Exchangeville, Mercer Co., PA, September 16th, 17th, 18th, 1851, according to the minutes printed at the *Chronicle* Office, Meadville, PA, 1851, the Baptists made the following statement: “**Resolved, That the slavery of men, by men is contrary to equality of birthright, contrary to just views of property-ship, is contrary to the great law of love, and we cannot in the light of the 19th Century fellowship any person who in any way is guilty of this sin.**” According to the minutes, an additional antislavery statement was made by the church in Steuben (Crawford County).

In attendance were moderator Rev. George **Spratt** (*Holland, Venango Co.*), clerk Rev. I. M. **Chapman** (*Meadville, Crawford Co, PA*), recording secretary David **Sexton** (*Meadville, Crawford Co., PA*), corresponding secretary Rev. E. M. **Alden** (*Lines Mills, Crawford Co., PA*), and treasurer George **Gallowhur** (*Girard, Erie Co., PA*).

Visitors were W. **Storrs**, J. **Blake**, N. **Burwell**, D. B. **Thomas**, and R. **Turner**. Guests were J. **Hicks** (*Grand River, Madison*), D. **Colley** (*Grand River*), E. **Richmond** (*Grand River*), C. **Gillett** (*Grand River*), A. **Gillett** (*Grand River*), J. **Hicks** (*Trumbull, Southampton and Farmington*), Wm. **Simkin** (*Trumbull*), A. **Truesdall** (*Trumbull*), W. **Thomas** (*Harmony, Panama*), C. M. **Leavitt** (*Beaver, Providence*).

Church clerks in attendance were H. G. **Davis** (*Allegheny, Holland, Venango Co.*), D. C. **McKay** (*Carmel, Cussewago, Crawford Co.*), C. **St. John** (*Conneautville, Crawford Co.*), G. **Kees** (*Cherry Tree, Venango Co.*), J. F. **Cook** (*Concord, Erie Co.*), S. M. **Smith** (*Erie*), N. S. **Rogers** (*Elk Creek, Erie Co.*), Geo. **Gallowhur** (*Girard*), D. C. **McCoy** (*Georgetown, Exchangeville, Mercer Co.*), J. S. **Bacon** (*Spring and Cussewago, Crossingville, Crawford Co.*), H. **McCoy** (*Meadville, Crawford Co.*), Ira **Hatch** (*Mead Corners, Crawford Co.*), J. **Steadman** 3rd (*McKean, Erie Co.*), C. **Hatch** (*Randolph, Guy’s Mills, Crawford Co.*), S. **Clark** (*Rockdale, Crawford Co.*), H. **Hooker** (*N. Richmond, Crawford Co.*), S. **Chapin** (*Rockdale & Bloomfield, Crawford Co.*), H. **Weatherbee** (*Rome, Centreville, Crawford Co.*), H. **Bump** (*Springfield, West Springfield, Erie Co.*), A. F. **Owen** (*Spring, Crawford Co.*), __.D. **White** (*Spartanburg*), T. J. **Randall** (*Washington, Edinboro, Erie Co.*), D. **Titus** (*Warren, Warren Co.*), C. **Shreve** (*Bloomfield, Crawford Co.*), S. B. **Gillett** (*Steuben, Crawford Co.*).

Delegates present were:

Allegheny: George **Spratt** [ordained], Dea. H. G. **Davis**.

Carmel: Ray **Green** [ordained], D. C. **McKay**, Orren **Nye**.

Conneautville: J. S. **Fuller** [ordained].

Elk Creek: E. C. **Rogers** [ordained], N. S. **Rogers**.

Georgetown: J. H. **Hazen** [ordained], Moses **Bishop**, S. W. **Bolster** [licentiate], I. **Philips** [licentiate], W. **Church**, O. W. **Miller**, R. R. **Hosick**, D. C. **McCoy**.

Spring & Cussewago: James **Going** [ordained], Dea. G. Head **Walter**, P. **Case**.

Meadville: I. M. **Chapman** [ordained], G. L. **Stevens** [ordained], Dea. R. C. **Bolleaw**, G. C. **Little**, Samuel **Derickson**.

Mead Corners: E. M. **Alden** [ordained], Ira **Hatch**.

McKean: J. **Johneon** [ordained], Dea. J. **Thompson**, W. **Marsh**.

Randolph: Alfred **Curtiss**.

Rockdale: O. L. **Crittenden** [ordained], Dea. J. **Root**.

Richmond: W. D. **Bradford** [ordained].

Rockdale & Bloomfield: R. D. **Hays** [ordained].

Rome: Dea. George **Fuller**, F. **Wetherbee**.

Springfield: S. **Carr** [ordained], E. O. **Patterson**.

Spring: J. J. **Fuller** [ordained], O. D. **Shelden**, A. **Shelden**.

Spartanburg: R. D. **Pierce**, Dea. A. J. **Millard**.

Washington: E. C. **Rogers** [ordained], Dea. O. **Miller**, I. C. **Munson**.

Warren: Wm. **Everett** [ordained].

Bloomfield: R. D. **Hays** [ordained], Dea. W. **Earl**, I. **Shreve**, C. **Shreve**, Cyrus **Shreve**.

Steuben: W. D. **Bradford** [ordained], W. D. **Lamb** [ordained], S. B. **Gillett**, E. **Carpenter**.

1852: At the Fifth Session of the Erie Baptist Association held in the Baptist Church in the Village of Nashville, Chautauque County, N.Y. August 31 and Sept. 1 and 2, 1852, according to the minutes printed by W. **McKinstry** & Brother, Printers, *Censor* Office, Fredonia, N.Y. 1852, the Baptists made the following statement: “Indeed, the Christian Church of the present day has entered upon a period in her history, in which the precious word of God is being distributed as if borne on the wings of the four winds of heaven, both to the cottage of the peasant and the palace of the prince. The gates of the pagan nations are thrown open, and invite the entrance of her missionaries to reap their ripened fields; while Afric’s oppressed sons and daughters stretch forth their manacled hands in eloquent pleadings for liberty and the bread of life.”

In attendance were moderator B. C. **Willoughby** (*Stockton*), treasurer A. Z. **Madison** (*Fredonia*), clerk Rev. J. **Howard** (*Randolph*), assistant clerk Rev. H. H. **Phelps** (*Ellery*), corresponding secretary Rev. A. **Kingsbury** (*Fredonia*), and guests D. **Searl** (*Agent of the A. B. H. M. Society*), S. **Ewer** (*Agent of A. B. Free M. Society*), A. J. **Wilcox** (*Buffalo Association*), O. **Tayntor** (*Cattaraugus Association*), C. **Boss** (*Cattaraugus Association*), J. G. **Stearns**, J. **Harris**, H. **Harris**, B. F. **Mace** (*Harmony Association*), J. **Vincent** (*Tonawanda*), J **Starks** (*Monroe Association*), Rev. J. C. **Stoddard** (*Harmony Association*), and Rev. H. S. **Card** (*Cattaraugus Association*).

Church clerks who were present included: A. B. **Fisher** (*Cassadaga*), J. **Nash** (*Cherry Creek*), R. B. **Clark** (*Clear Creek*), T. M. **Shaw** (*Dayton*), L. **Parsons** (*Dunkirk*), A. J. **Smith** (*Ellery*), D. E. **Ellis** (*Forestville*), N. **Hopper** (*1st Hanover, Nashville P.O.*), A. **Gardner** (*Laona*), H. H. **Holmes** (*Leon*), R. **Booth** (*Napoli*), J. C. **Allison** (*1st Perrysburg*), J. **Briminstool** (*Poland*), A. Z. **Madison** (*1st Pomfret, Fredonia P.O.*), J. C. **Cody** (*Randolph*), J. A. **Jones** (*Sheridan*), R. D. **Sherman** (*Sinclairville*), A. P. **Leach** (*Stockton*), O. **Fish** (*S. E. Stockton*), A. **Fay** (*Little Valley*).

Delegates present were:

Cassadaga: A. **Irons** [ordained], T. D. **Phillips**.
Cherry Creek: H. **Fuller** [ordained], Dea. J. **Nash**, Dea. F. **Mount**, S. **Adams**, J. **Ingles**.
Clear Creek: V. **Bemis** [ordained].
Dayton: S. **Akerly** [ordained], Dea. H. **Fuller**, A. **Allen**.
Dunkirk: Z. **Smith** [ordained], L. **Parsons**.
Ellery: H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], Dea. J. R. **Brownell**.
Forestville: N. **Wood** [ordained], N. **Gage**, Dea. U. **Downer**, Dea. C. **Glass**, N. **Mixer**, J. **Bartoo**, D. E. **Ellis**, A. **Cooley**, W. **Cranston**.
1st Hanover: E. M. **Ney** [ordained], Dea. N. **Hopper**, A. **Davis**, A. **Vinton**.
Leon: V. **Bemis** [ordained], W. **Saunders**.
Napoli: W. G. **Raymond** [ordained], B. **Braman** [ordained], W. **Fisher** [ordained and not present], Dea. E. **Eddy**, J. **Wilbur**.
1st Perrysburg: J. C. **Allison** [ordained], C. M. **Richmond** [ordained and not present], H. **Herrick** [licentiate], N.B. **Hills**, J. **Rosenburgh**, J. **Meacham**, J. S. **Bettis**.
Poland: D. **Morse** [ordained], J. **Briminstool**, S. **Akerly**, N. **Barnes**, L. **Perigo**.
1st Pomfret: A. **Kingsbury** [ordained], Dea. J. R. **Parker**, Dea. C. **Batcheller**, T. B. **Sweet**, A. Z. **Madison**, C. E. **Barkley**, J. C. [S]weet, A. J. **Gillett**, A. C. **Guild**.
Randolph: J. **Howard** [ordained], Dea. C. **Strang**, S. **Price**, D. **Bowen**, T. **Hitchcock**, J. C. **Cody**, N. **Nichols**, F. **Nichols**.
Sheridan: A. H. **Waterman** [ordained], J. A. **Jones**, J. **Fuller**, A. **Jiles**, H. C. **Fuller**.
Sinclairville: W. H. **Husted** [ordained], J. **McAllister**.
Stockton: B. C. **Willoughby** [ordained], A. **Irons** [ordained], A. P. **Leach**, E. **Thompson**, S. **Johnson**, H. **Crissey**, F. **Crissey**.
S.E. Stockton: A. A. **Mead** [licentiate], J. **Scovel**, G. **Fish**, J. **Smith**.
Little Valley: W. G. **Raymond** [ordained], J. **Wright**, N. **Whitford**.

1854: At the Seventh Anniversary of the Erie Baptist Association held with the First Baptist Church in Ellington, Chautauque Co., N.Y., September 5th, 6th, & 7th, 1854, according to the minutes printed by W. **McKinstry** & Brother, Fredonia, N.Y., 1854, the Baptists made the following statement: “Resolved, that this Association deeply regret the condition of our country as regards American Slavery. Resolved, That we regard the aggressive movements of the Slave Power in the passage of the wicked Fugitive Slave Law, and the infamous Nebraska bill, as a violation of the rights, and an invasion of the liberties of the free portion of this Republic.”

Present were moderator Rev. A. **Irons**, M.D. (*Casadaga*), treasurer H. **Crissey** (*Stockton*), clerk: Rev. J. **Howard** (*Stockton*), assistant clerk Rev. J. B. **Smith** (*Dunkirk*), corresponding secretary Rev. B. C. **Willoughby** (*Sheridan*), and guests W. **Stewart** (*Madison University*), A. J. **Wilcox** (*French Creek Association*), W. **Look** and D. **Bernard** (*Harmony Association*), J. **Edmunds** (*Niagara Association*), J. L. **Smith** (*Agent of American Bible Union*), D. **Powell** (*Pastor of Ellington Congregational Church*).

Church clerks and delegates present were:

Casadaga: A. B. **Fisher** (Clerk), A. **Irons** [ordained], Dea. B. **Merrill**, C. **Phillips**.
Cherry Creek: J. **Nash** (Clerk), H. **Fuller** [ordained], Dea. F. **Mount**, Dea. J. **Nash**, W. S. **Bullock**, J. D. **Wheeler**.

Clear Creek: R. B. **Clark** (Clerk), J. **Glazier** [ordained], Dea. H. **Wells**, Dea. G. **Myers**, E. **Bagg**, W. **Ware**, J. **Hammond**, Jas. **Hammond**, R. B. **Clark**.

Dayton: J. **Waite** (Clerk, *East Leon, P.O.*), S. **Akerly** [ordained], H. **Fuller**, J. **Waite**, T. M. **Shaw**.

Dunkirk: L. **Parsons** (Clerk), J. B. **Smith** [ordained], R. **Nelson**, J. W. **Strong**.

Ellery: J. A. **Smith** (Clerk), G. W. **Varnum** [ordained], Dea. C. **Parker**, Dea. J. R. **Brownell**.

Ellington: J. C. **Cody** (Clerk), H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], Dea. J. **Cady**, J. C. **Cody**, R. **Bullock**, A. C. **Leach**, R. **Briggs**, H. N. **Barns**.

Forestville: Dr. D. E. **Ellis** (Clerk): C. G. **Purrett** [ordained], Dea. U. **Downer**, I. **Fuller**, A. **Mallett**.

1st Hanover: N. **Hopper** (Clerk, *Nashville, P.O.*), J. C. **Allison** [ordained], J. **Bennett**, Dea. N. **Hopper**.

Hanover Center: J. M. **Barclay** (Clerk, *Smith Mills, P.O.*), A. **Frink** [ordained], L. **Tower**, A. **Watrous**.

Leon: H. H. **Holmes** (Clerk): S. **Akerly** [ordained], Dea. W. **Saunders**, Dea. G. **Shannon**, S. B. **Shannon**, E. **Patch**.

Little Valley: A. **Fay** (Clerk), G. W. **Raymond** [ordained].

Napoli: R. **Booth** (Clerk), B. **Braman** [ordained], W. **Fisher** [ordained], J. **Palmer**, S. **Booth**, W. **Waite**.

1st Perrysburg: E. M. **Pettit** (Clerk, *Versailles, P.O.*), H. **Herrick** [licentiate].

Poland: J. **Brininstool** (Clerk and Delegate, *Falconner, P.O.*), H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], D. **Morse** [ordained], Dea. J. **Miller**, S. **Ferry**, S. **Akerly**.

1st Pomfret: A. Z. **Madison** (Clerk and Delegate, *Fredonia, P.O.*), A. **Kingsbury** [ordained], Dea. C. **Batcheller**, D. A. **Woodruff**, H. A. **Buck**.

Randolph: J. **Price** (Clerk), Dea. O. **Hitchcock**, D. **Bowen**, S. **Price**, T. **Hitchcock**, N. **Nichols**.

Sheridan: O. **Mallett** (Clerk), B. C. **Willoughby** [ordained], H. C. **Fuller** [licentiate], Dea. A. J. **Giles**.

Sinclairville: R. D. **Sherman** (Clerk), A. **Irons** [ordained], L. **Walker**, A. **Arnold**, O. **Harris**.

Stockton: E. **Thompson** (Clerk), J. **Howard** [ordained], H. **Crissey**, H. W. **Seymour**, S. **Johnson**.

S. E. Stockton: O. **Fish** (Clerk), A. A. **Mead** [ordained], J. E. **Curtis** [ordained], S. **Scovell**, U. **Putnam**, O. **Waterman**.

1855 : At the Eighth Anniversary of the Erie Baptist Association held with the Baptist Church in Stockton, Chautauque Co., N.Y., Sept. 4th, 5th, and 6th, 1855, according to the minutes printed by W. **McKinstry** & Co., *Censor* Office, Fredonia, N.Y., 1855, the Baptists made the following statement in their circular letter: **“In some churches we hear nothing of the evils of Slavery from their pulpits; in others it is the leading topic of nearly every sermon.”**

In attendance were moderator Rev. A. **Kingsbury** (*Fredonia*), treasurer H. **Crissey** (*Stockton*), clerk Rev. J. **Howard** (*Stockton*), assistant clerk and corresponding secretary Rev. J. B. **Smith** (*Dunkirk*), and guests Brn. C. B. **Keyes**, J. G. **Stearns**, and J. **Elliot** (*Harmony Association*), E. **Mills** and A. J. **Willcox** (*French Creek Association*), B. C. **Willoughby** (*Buffalo Association*), W. **Sawyer** (*Agent of A. B. Home Mission Society*), M. **Byrne** (*Agent of A. F. Bible Society*), H. C. **Fuller** and E. G. **Douglass** (*Rochester University*).

Clerks and delegates present were:

Cassadaga: A. B. **Fisher** (Clerk), J. J. **Fuller** [ordained], Dea. A. **Lyon**, Dea. B. **Merrill**, T. D. **Phillips**, C. **Phillips**.

Cherry Creek: J. **Nash** (Clerk), D. **Morse** [ordained], H. **Fuller** [ordained], Dea. F. **Mount**, I. **Ingals**, B. W. **Wilcox**.

Clear Creek: R. B. **Clark** (Clerk and Delegate), H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], Dea. H. **Wells**.

Cattaraugus: L. **Turkey** (Clerk), N. **Smith** [ordained], Dea. J. **Johnson**, S. **White**.

Dayton: J. **Waite** (Clerk, *Leon Center, P.O.*), S. **Akerly** [ordained], Dea. H. **Fuller**, T. M. **Shaw**.

Dunkirk: L. **Parsons** (Clerk), J. B. **Smith** [ordained], R. **Nelson**.

Ellery: J. **Smith** (Clerk), G. W. **Varnum** [ordained], Dea. J. R. **Brownell**, Dea. C. **Parker**, W. **Traphagen**, O. **Waite**.

Ellington: J. C. **Cody** (Clerk and Delegate), H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], A. **Ells**.

Forestville: J. **Bartoo** (Clerk), W. **Luke** [ordained], N. **Gage** [ordained], Dea. U. **Downer**.

1st Hanover: N. **Hopper** (Clerk and Delegate, *Nashville, P.O.*), J. C. **Allison** [ordained].

Hanover Center: C. **Stebbins** (Clerk and Delegate, *Silver Creek, P.O.*), A. **Frink** [ordained], Dea. W. **Mark**, S. **Eaton**.

Leon: H. H. **Holmes** (Clerk), S. **Akerly** [ordained], Dea. W. **Saunders**.

Little Valley: A. **Fay** (Clerk), W. G. **Raymond** [ordained], J. **Wilbur**.

Napoli: R. **Booth** (Clerk), B. **Braman** [ordained].

1st Perrysburg: J. **Meacham** (Clerk and Delegate, *Versailles, P.O.*), H. **Herrick** [ordained], J. **North**.

Poland: J. **Brininstool** (Clerk): H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], D. **Morse**.

1st Pomfret: A. Z. **Madison** (Clerk and Delegate, *Fredonia, P.O.*), A. **Kingsbury** [ordained], Dea. C. **Batchelor**, Dea. J. R. **Parker**, G. W. **Lewis**, H. A. **Buck**, A. B. **Post**, W. **Webster**.

Randolph: J. W. **Price** (Clerk), M. T. **Wadsworth** [ordained], Dea. C. **Hitchcock**, S. **Price**, T. **Hitchcock**, D. **Bowen**.

Sheridan: O. **Mallett** (Clerk), A. **Irons** [ordained], J. **Bennett** [ordained].

Sinclairville: R. D. **Sherman** (Clerk), W. H. **Husted** [ordained], J. **McAllister**, L. **Walker**, L. **Parker**, R. D. **Sherman**, O. **Harris**.

Stockton: C. **Smith** (Clerk), J. **Howard** [ordained], C. **Smith**, S. **Shepard**, S. **Scoville**, B. **Miller**, S. **Crissey**, B. **Holmes**, H. **Crissey**, A. **Putnam**, H. **Thompson**.

S. E. Stockton: O. **Fish** (Clerk and Delegate), [No pastor], O. **Putnam** [licentiate], S. E. **Curtis**, S. **Scovil**.

1859: At the Twelfth Anniversary of the Erie Baptist Association held with the Baptist Church, Forestville, N.Y., Sept. 6th, 7th and 8th, 1859, according to the minutes printed by W. **McKinstry** & Brother, Printers, *Censor* Office, Fredonia, 1859, the Baptists made the following statement: “Whereas, The Am. Tract Society of New York has long professed to be a powerful engine against the powers of darkness, and has hitherto been largely sustained by all evangelical denominations, North and South, and whereas, it has more recently inclined to favor American Slavery by inculcating obedience on the part of the slave to the master, and refusing to publish corresponding obligations of masters to servants, and refused the prayer of its friends, to give its influence against the African Slave trade (the scorn of the civilized world), therefore Resolved:

We recommend to Churches, Societies, and individuals, to withhold patronage from said Society, and favor the Am. Bap. Publication Society.”

In attendance were moderator Elder A. **Kingsbury** (*Fredonia*), treasurer David **Barrell** (*Fredonia*), clerk Elder G. W. **Varnum** (*Ellery Center*), assistant clerk Elder H. H. **Phelps** (*Clear Creek*), corresponding secretary Elder G. W. **Varnum** (*Ellery Center*), and guests Eld. C. **Marton** (Agent of the Am. Baptist Home Mission Society), G. Cyrus **Sedwick** (Agent of the Am. B. Union), Elds. L. **Rathbun**, O. L. **Crittenden**, P. **Cross**, F. **Glanville**, Emerson **Mills**, E. B. **Sparks**, J. C. **Drake**, B. C. **Willoughby** W. R. **Connelly** (*Harmony Association*); A. D. **Williams** (*Rochester Seminary*), F. **Kidder** and A. J. **Wilcox** (*Buffalo Association*), R. **Cherryman** (*Cattaraugus Association*), H. W. **Brown** (*Buffalo*).

Church clerks present were: *Cassadaga*, A. B. **Fisher**; *Cherry Creek*, E. **Northrup**; *Clear Creek*, A. **Randall**; *Dayton*, D. **Jones**, *East Leon, P.O.*; *Dunkirk*, L. **Parsons**; *Ellery*, Oscar **Hale**; *Ellington* (disbanded); *Forestville*, J. A. **Mixer**; *Fredonia*, A. Z. **Madison**; *Hanover Center*, C. **Stebbins**; *1st Hanover*, J. S. **Bettis**, *Nashville, P. O.*; *Leon*, R. C. **Jackson**; *Napoli*, J. **Parmer**; *1st Perrysburgh*, E. M. **Pettit**, *Versailles, P.O.*; *Poland*, Wm. **Smith**, *Falconer, P.O.*; *Randolph*, W. **Price**; *Sinclearville*, A. **Arnold**, *Gerry, P.O.*; *Stockton*, C. **Smith**; *S. E. Stockton*, O. **Fish**.

Delegates in attendance were:

Cassadaga: [No pastor], T. W. **Clute**, N. **Munger**.

Cherry Creek: N. **Thomas** [ordained], J. C. **Allison** [ordained], J. D. **Wheeler** [licentiate], Dea. F. **Mount**, Wm. **Bullock**, J. **Ingalls**, T. **Wilcox**, A. **Ells**, R. N. **Tanner**, R. **Gage**.

Clear Creek: H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], O. **Putnam** [ordained], J. C. **Cody**, Dea. R. D. **Rider**, Henry **Hammond**.

Dayton: S. **Akerly** [ordained], Dea. J. **Green**, D. **Jones**, T. U. **Shaw**, H. **Fuller**.

Dunkirk: [No pastor], L. **Parsons**, B. **Dodge**.

Ellery: G. W. **Varnum** [ordained], Dea. C. **Parker**, J. R. **Brownell**, H. **Haskin**.

Forestville: W. **Look** [ordained], N. **Gage** [ordained], Eld. **Woodbury** [ordained], Dea. U. **Downer**, Dea. F. **Hyatt**, J. B. **Pattison**, E. **Knapp**, W. **Knapp**, J. A. **Mixer**, A. **Olnatt**, J. **Denison**.

Fredonia: A. **Wheelock** [ordained], Dea. J. R. **Parker**, D. **Barrell**, A. Z. **Madison**, I. **Fuller**, T. B. **Sweet**, O. **Daily**, H. **Mount**, J. C. **Sweet**, W. J. **Sharp**, J. J. **Parker**, J. **Traverse**.

Hanover Center: E. M. **Ney** [ordained], Dea. W. **Marsh**, Dea. J. **Tower**, C. **Stebbins**, A. **Wartrous**, L. **Tower**, S. **Eaton**.

1st Hanover: E. M. **Ney** [ordained], S. **Slawson**, N. **Wheaton**, G. **Collins**.

Leon: H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], Dea. Wm. **Saunders**, Dea. D. H. **Horton**, E. **Stickney**, M. **Treat**.

Napoli: S. **Akerly** [ordained], Dea. G. **Shannon**, S. **Barrett**, O. **Booth**.

1st Perrysburgh: A. **Frink** [ordained], H. **Herrick**, J. **Meacham**, G. **Parker**, J. **Rosenburg**, H. **Hugoboom**.

Poland: M. T. **Wadsworth** [ordained], H. **Morse**, C. **McNall**, M. **Randal**, E. **Devine**.

Randolph: A. **Plumley** [ordained], Dea. B. **Archer**.

Sinclearville: W. H. **Husted** [ordained], Wm. **Look** [ordained], Dea. R. D. **Sherman**, J. **McAllister**.

Stockton: A. **Kingsbury** [ordained], J. **Elliott** [ordained], Dea. J. **Crissey**, Dea. C. **Thompson**, H. **Crissey**, M. **Thompson**.

1861: At the Fourteenth Anniversary of the Erie Baptist Association held with the First Hanover Baptist Church at Nashville, Chautauqua County, N.Y., Sept. 3d, 4th and 5th, 1861, according to the minutes printed by **Sacket & Bishop**, *Journal Book and Job Office*, Jamestown, N.Y., 1861, the Baptists made the following statement: “Whereas, Our Country is now in the midst of a most distressing civil war, during which, the entire public mind is strained to its utmost tension of anxious suspense – and whereas, in this great struggle, it believed by many that God is at work, and that religious interests, vital and priceless, will be settled on firmer foundations – it seems fitting, that as a body of Christians, we express our decided convictions; and place them on enduring record. Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Erie Baptist Association unite its sympathies and efforts for the preservation of the Federal Government and the crushing out of rebellion. Resolved, that we regard Slavery as the originating, substantial cause of this rebellion, and its removal the only cure – for which our prayers shall be offered, and to which all our energies should be directed, until the cause is effectually removed. Resolved, That we trust and rejoice in God as the God of Zion and all nations, and that we see in these troubles, the steady march of justice, claiming and procuring its rights; that we see the shaking down of slavery from its pedestal of power; that we see with exulting hope, the prophecy and pledge of that time, when God will establish righteousness in all the earth. Resolved, That in view of our present afflicting calamities, we recommend to all our Churches, the observance of Thursday the 26th inst, the day named by our Honored National Executive – as a day of Humiliation, fasting and prayer.”

In attendance were moderator Rev. E. **Mills** (*Forestville*), clerk and corresponding secretary Rev. G. W. **Varnum** (*Ellery Center*), and treasurer David **Barrell** (*Fredonia*).

Church clerks present were A. B. **Fisher** (*Cassadaga*), J. D. **Wheeler** (*Cherry Creek*), A. **Randall** (*Clear Creek*), D. S. **Jones** (*Dayton, East Leon, P.O.*), L. **Parsons** (*Dunkirk*), Oscar **Hale** (*Ellery Center*), J. A. **Mixer** (*Forestville*), A. Z. **Madison** (*Fredonia*), J. S. **Bettis** (*First Hanover, Nashville*), C. **Stebbins** (*Hanover Center, Irving, Chaut. Co.*), R. C. **Jackson** (*Leon*), J. **Palmer** (*Napoli*), E. M. **Pettit** (*First Perrysburg*), W. **Smith** (*Poland*), J. W. **Price** (*Randolph*), A. **Arnold** (*Sinclairville, Gerry, P.O.*), H. **Thompson** (*Stockton*).

Delegates in attendance were:

Cassadaga: W. H. **Husted** [ordained], N. **Munger**, H. H. **Persons**.

Cherry Creek: N. **Thomas** [ordained], J. D. **Wheeler** [licentiate], Dea. F. **Mount**, D. H. **Horton**, Brn. R. **Gage**, A. **Ells**, R. N. **Tanner**, T. W. **Wilcox**, T. **Morian**, J. **Ingalls**.

Clear Creek: H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], O. **Putnam** [ordained], J. C. **Cody**, E. **Bagg**, O. W. **Phelps**.

Dayton: J. **Green** [licentiate], S. **Akerly** [ordained], C. **Hall**, D. S. **Jones**, T. M. **Shaw**.

Dunkirk: L. J. **Fisher** [ordained], B. **Dodge**, J. K. **Patterson**, F. C. **Toles**.

Ellery Center: G. W. **Varnum** [ordained], H. **Haskin**, M. **Barney**.

Forestville: E. **Mills** [ordained], D. **Woodbury** [ordained], N. **Gage** [ordained], Dea. U. **Downer**, E. **Graves**, W. **Ashley**, J. A. **Mixer**, C. **Allnate**, H. **Stone**, W. **Knapp**.

Fredonia: G. D. **Downeg** [licentiate], A. **Wheelock** [ordained], Dea. J. R. **Parker**, D. **Barrell**, A. **Z. Madison**.

First Hanover: J. C. **Allison** [ordained], J. **Carter** [licentiate], Dea. N. **Hopper**, Dea. N. **Wheaton**, Brn. A. **Davis**, T. **Bagley**, H. **Merrill**, L. **Brownell**, J. S. **Bettis**.

Hanover Center: C. **Berry** [ordained], Dea. L. **Tower**, W. **Mark**, C. **Stebbins**, A. **Watrous**, J. P. **Kent**.

Leon: H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], Dea. W. **Saunders**, E. **Stickney**, S. **Treat**.

Napoli: H. H. **Phelps** [ordained], B. **Bramin** [ordained], W. **Fisher** [ordained and not present], Dea. G. **Shannon**, S. **Barrett**, O. **Booth**, A. **Wait**, J. **Palmer**, R. **Palmer**, P. **Vincent**.

First Perrysburg: M. T. **Wadsworth** [ordained], H. **Herrick** [ordained], H. **Rosenburgh**, J. **Hugoboom**, P. **Taylor**, G. **Hugoboom**, J. **Meachem**, J. **North**.

Poland: J. **Elliott** [ordained and not present], L. **Jenks**, E. **Divine**, J. **Burnett**, W. **Smith**.

Randolph: [No pastor], Dea. B. **Archer**, H. A. **Buck**, T. **Hitchcock**, O. **Hitchcock**.

Sinclairville: W. H. **Husted** [ordained], M. B. **Craw**.

Stockton: [No pastor], J. **Elliott** [ordained], Dea. J. **Crissey**, H. **Crissey**.

Appendix A

1838: At the Twenty-Third Anniversary of the Holland Purchase Baptist Association held with the Baptist Church in Sardinia, Erie Co., N.Y. on the 22d & 23d Aug. 1838, the Baptists made the following statement: “**Resolved, That we deplore the existence of Slavery, as a great moral evil, a blot upon our nation’s escutcheon, and a curse to the Christian Church; we therefore recommend that Christians feel themselves bound to pray for its abolition, and use every prudent and Constitutional means for its accomplishment.**”

Present were moderator Rev. Whitman **Metcalf**, clerk Rev. J. O. **Choules**, assistant clerk Br. D. W. **Williams**, and uests Br’n. **Caldicott** and **Williams** (*Niagara Association*), Br’n **Minor**, **Wilcox** and **Going** (*Cattaraugus Association*), Br. **Handy** (*Monroe Association*).

Church clerks present were *Springville* (Wm. F. **Church**, *Springville, Erie Co., N.Y.*), *Collins* (Daniel **Platt**, *Collins, Erie Co.*), *1st Evans* (Elisha **Barrett**, *Evans, Erie Co.*), *2d Evans* (Joseph **Mory**, *Evans, Erie Co.*), *Evans & Hamburg* (Ebenezer **Ames**, *East Evans, Erie Co.*), *Hamburg* (P. W. **Powers**, *Hamburg, Erie Co.*), *Eden* (Elisah **Welch**, *Eden, Erie Co.*), *Arcade* (Ira **Shed**, *Arcade P.O. Erie Co.*), *Lodi* (Edward **Covel**, *Pastor, Lodi, Erie Co.*), *Sardinia* (H. **Bowen**, *Sardinia, Erie Co.*), *Buffalo* (R. W. **Padelford**), *Shelden* (M. **Buell**), *Aurora* (Wm. **Warren**, *Aurora, Erie Co.*), *Strykersville* (H. B. **Rounds**), *Wales* (John M. **Joslin**, *Wales, Erie Co.*), *Holland* (Harvey **Lanckton**, *Holland, Erie Co.*), *Florence & Colden* (Thos. **Williams**), *1st Boston* (Wm. Southworth, *Boston, Erie Co.*), *Amherst* (O.F.H. **Barnard**, *Williamsville, P.O.*), *Boston & Concord* (___ **Ellis**, *Boston, Erie Co.*), *Clarence Village* (Horatio **Lyon**), *2d Buffalo* (Dea. Henry **Fields**).

Ministers and delegates present were:

Springville: David **Searl** [ordained minister], ___ **Eaton**, ___ **Persons**, J. **Bloodgood**, E. **Blake**, C. **Vaughn**, H. A. **Sears**, S. K. **Cutter**, S. **Eaton**, Chancey **Pierce** [ordained minister].

Collins: Daniel **Platt** [ordained minister], Asa **Jennings**, John **Arnolds**, Augustus C. **Boon**.

1st Evans: D. **Platt** [ordained minister], Harvey **Barrell**.
2d Evans: S. **Bailey**, H. **Fobes**.
Evans & Hamburg: ____ **Moore**, ____ **Potter**.
Hamburg: Sterling **Mallery**, Martin **Cotten**, John **Mills**.
Eden: Hosea **Fuller** [ordained minister], James **Green**, John **Estee**.
Arcade: W. **Met[c]alf** [ordained minister], James **Steel**, Samuel **Upham**, Wm. **Drake**, Chester A. **Calkins**.
Lodi: Edward **Covel** [ordained minister], A. **Wells** [ordained minister], J. C. **Allison** [ordained minister], ____ **Page**, Daniel **Stebbins**, Harrison **Leland**.
Sardinia: W. **Metcalf** [ordained minister], S. **Hudson**, B. **Kinney**, W. W. **Cornwell**, L. **Beach**, H. **Crittenden**, James **Colwell**, B. H. **Colegrove**.
Buffalo: J. O. **Choules** [ordained minister], John **Bush**, J. P. **Morgan**, A. **Morgan**, D. W. **Williams**, W. S. **Smith**, Joseph **Piddington**, Joseph **Humphrey**, ____ **Chamberlain**.
Shelden: Abel **Buell**, Horation **Buell**, Solomon W. **Knapp**.
Aurora: Benjamin **Sawin** [ordained minister], Ira **M'Call**, Wm. **Warren**, I. R. **Calkins**, Samuel **Emory**, S. B. **Briggs**, Martin **Palmer**, James W. **Kellogg**.
Strykersville: E. **Blakesley** [ordained minister], Charles **Reed**, H. B. **Rounds**, C. **Richardson**, James **Ives**, Calvin **Rodgers**, Lyman **Emery**, Fredrick W. **Hall**.
Wales: John **Trowbridge**, J. Coleby, Jr., J. M. **Joslin**, G. W. **Brown**.
Holland: L. **Cooper**, H. **Lanckton**, J. **Barron**.
Florence & Colden: J. P. **Culer**, Eleazor **Hammond**, John **Marsel**.
1st Boston: Howell **Smith** [ordained minister], Wm. **Southworth**, Ebenezer **Drake**, Joseph **Potter**, E. H. **Drake**, Isaac **Drake**.
Amherst: E. **Curtis** [ordained minister], John **Coe**.
Boston & Concord: Truman **Horton** [licentiate], Timothy **Taylor**, Daniel **Horton**.
Clarence Village: Elijah **Leach**, Peter **Degar**.
2d Buffalo: Henry **Fields**, Charley **Smith**, Carr **Johnson**.

Appendix B

1843: At the Forty-Third Annual Meeting of the Cayuga Baptist Association held with the Baptist Church, Cato, Cayuga County, N.Y., September 21st and 22d, 1843, the Baptists made the following statement: “Resolved, that the last Monday evening in the month be observed as a concert of prayer for the peaceful and speedy abolition of Slavery throughout the world.”

Present were oderator: Br. J. **Jeffries**, clerks: Brn. H. J. **Eddy** and J. W. **Osborne**, treasurer Dea. A. **Case** and guest Z. **Freeman**.

Church clerks present were: *Auburn* (A. D. **McMaster**), *Aurelius & Mentz* (S. **Hix**, *Montezuma*), *Cato* (P. P. **Meacham**, *Cato 4 Corners*), *Conquest* (E. P. **Goodhue**), *Fleming* (J. **Martin**), *Ira* [No clerk listed], *Jordan* (A. **Case**), *1st Mentz* (W. A. **Foster**, *Throopsville*), *Port Byron* (Wm. **Miner**), *Owasco* (E. **Parsons**, *Skaneateles*), *Scipio* (J. **Daniels**), *Sempronius* [No clerk listed], *Sennett* (W. **Tanner**), *Springport* (H. **Crane**), *Venice & Scipio* (L. H. **Mills**, *Venice*), *Victory* [No clerk listed], *Weedsport* (E. **St. John**), *Sterling* (N. **Vilas**).

Delegates in attendance were:

Auburn: J. S. **Backus** [ordained minister], A. **Pierce**, D. **Everts**, R. **Chappel**.

Aurelius & Mentz: John **Jeffries** [ordained minister], W. F. **Purington** [licentiate and not present], Fitz **Herrick**.

Cato: [No pastor], Dea. T. I. **Ferris**, Dea. J. M. **Pasko**, Dea. W. S. **Ingham**, S. **Dudley**, P. P. **Meacham**.

Conquest: W. A. **Needham** [ordained minister and not present], H. **Taylor** [ordained minister], A. **Walker**, S. **Rathbun**.

Fleming: S. S. **Wheeler** [ordained minister], S. M. **Plumb** [ordained minister], Dea. J. **Martin**, C. **Simmons**, E. **Strong**.

Ira: J. S. **Evringham** [ordained minister], Reuben **Pierce**, Henry **Coonrad**, Stephen **Pierce**.

Jordan: H. J. **Eddy** [ordained minister], Dea. T. **Clements**, Dea. A. **Case**, A. **Crossman**, M. T. **Sperry**.

1st Mentz: E. **Miner** [ordained minister], E. **Wethy**, W. A. **Foster**, P. **Monro**, E. **Phelps**.

Port Byron: W. **Frary** [ordained minister], Z. **Wooden**, G. **Jeffries**, A. **Jacobs**, A. **Morehouse**, E. V. **Root**.

Owasco: P. **Lyon** [ordained minister], C. P. **Wyckoff** [ordained minister].

Scipio: J. W. **Osborne** [licentiate], Dea. W. **Daniels**, Dea. J. **Daniels**, D. **White**, H. **Allen**.

Sempronius: N. L. **Moore** [ordained minister and not present], "No information."

Sennett: J. **Bennet** [ordained minister], N. **Bullock**, P. **Crossman**, J. **Faraby**, W. **Turner**.

Springport: E. **Marshall** [ordained minister], I. **Brewster**.

Venice & Scipio: F. **Glanville** [ordained minister], B. **Ames** [ordained minister], B. **Whipple**, F. P. **Howe**, J. S. **Westlake**, A. R. **Ticknor**, S. **Westlake**.

Victory: [No pastor], J. O. **Pryne**, J. **Hooker**, C. **Cramer**, W. **Blanchard**.

Weedspport: J. S. **Ladd** [ordained minister], W. **Beech**, P. **Ocobock**, A. **Puffer**, J. **Abrams**, L. M. **Woodruff**.

Sterling: T. H. **Green** [ordained minister], J. **Mason**, B. **Clark**.